

Health and safety management system in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001:2007

A main incentive for the development of the health and safety management system in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001 "Occupational Health and Safety Management" in 1999 was the demand for a system that would make it possible to plan, organise and consequently implement health and safety measures.

The BS OHSAS 18001:2007 was published after various revisions under consideration of the standards ISO 14001:2004, ISO 9001:2001 and the AMS guidelines pertaining to the International Labour Organisation (ILO/OSH 2001). In particular, the modifications ease integration into existing environmental and quality management systems. All three systems are identical in terms of their processes. This ensures that one does not have to start from scratch when introducing a new management system. In fact, existing processes can be rolled out, considered from a new angle and extended accordingly.

The subjects of health and safety and health promotion have moved increasingly into focus since the 2007 release: in the past, one might have asked "why do we get ill?", but today people are far more interested in the question "what keeps us healthy?" Modern health and safety protection is a constant critical consideration of employees' physical, mental and emotional integrity – aimed at maintaining and boosting the workforce. In order to reach these goals and to organise the numerous health and safety regulations (e.g. safety legislation, operational risk management, accident insurance requirements), an increasing number of companies are introducing a process-orientated health and safety management system in accordance with BS OHSAS 18001.

The advantages of GUTcert

We support our customers in achieving functioning health and safety management. This is certified according to proven management system processes and can be tailored to flexibly suit your company's specific requirements.

An integrated audit of health and safety management systems with quality and/or environment subsequently minimises additional time and financial expenditure and significantly reduces the "audit burden" for both managers and employees. Because a large number of our experienced auditors are qualified to audit standard environment, quality, energy, and health and safety systems, we can offer integrated and combined certifications both nationally and internationally.

As a state-accredited organisation, certificates issued by GUTcert are internationally recognised. These are usually valid for a maximum of 3 years, although a surveillance audit is carried out annually and a verification audit takes place every three years.

Your benefits

- ▶ Optimise your health and safety processes
- ▶ The evidence that you have fulfilled legal requirements will provide greater legal security for those in positions of responsibility in your company
- ▶ Improved safety standards will significantly reduce down-time and accident numbers



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- ▶ Earn the trust of your customers and investors and improve your public image with an internationally recognised and effective certification
- ▶ We regard standards as accumulated expertise: our highly experienced auditors apply their knowledge in a way tailored to suit your individual needs and accompany and support your company's development.
- ▶ With us you don't just receive a certificate, but rather a system that allows you to effectively control operational processes and avoid taking risks.

Costs

The BS OHSAS 18001 has a similar structure to that of the environmental management standard ISO 14001 and can therefore be easily integrated into an existing system. We do of course offer combined audits in order to reduce financial and time expenditure for our customers.

The calculation for your certification is individually tailored to suit you and is dependent on existing management systems and the size of the company. In order to send us the required information you simply need to fill out our online form.

Our quotes contain a clear breakdown of all resulting costs for the certification, and we can also include travel expenses if required. With us there isn't any "small print" – there won't be any additional costs



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